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STATUTES  
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OF ME

*Robert Johnson*, Clerk,  
Archdeacon of *LEICESTER*,

For and concerning the Ordering, Governing,  
and Maintaining of my *SCHOOLS* and  
*HOSPITALS* of CHRIST in OAKHAM  
and UPPINGHAM in the County of RUTLAND,  
whereof I am FOUNDER and PATRON.



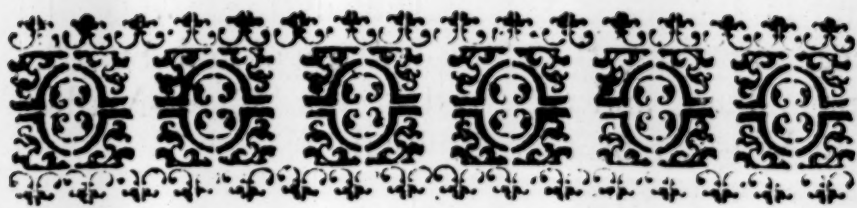
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Of me *Robert Johnson*, Clerk, Archdeacon of *Leicester*, for and concerning the ordering, governing, and maintaining of my Free Schools, and of the Hospitals of *Christ* in *Oakham* and *Uppingham* in the County of *Rutland*, whereof I am Founder and Patron.



THE Book or Original whereof shall be put into and kept in *Christ's* Hospital in *Oakham*, and the other in *Christ's* Hospital in *Uppingham*, each in a Chest with three several Locks, the Keys whereof, one to be in the Custody of me, and after my decease of my right Heir Male, from time to time Patron and Governor of the Goods, Possessions, and Revenues of the said Schools

and Hospitals, and a second of the Governor near dwelling that Hospital appointed by the major Part, and the third of the School-Master and Warden of that Hospital.

Cap I. *Of the Governors.*

**W**Hereas by God's Grace I have founded and built a School in the Town of *Oakham* in the County of *Rutland*, as also an Hospital in the same called *Christ's* Hospital, and have founded and built one other School in the Town of *Uppingham* in the County aforesaid, as also an Hospital in the same called by the name of *Christ's* Hospital, and have in the said Towns purchased certain Lands, and also built certain Houses for the Habitation of my School-Masters and Wardens, Ushers, and Sub-Wardens, and poor Men and Women, and have hitherto so employed them, and have also purchased diverse Hereditaments, Revenues, and Tenements of the late Queen ELIZABETH of famous memory, for the maintenance of my said School-Masters, Ushers, poor Men, and certain poor Scholars, I do by these Presents confirm, ordain, and constitute, certain Governors to the number of four and twenty, of all these the said Hereditaments, Revenues, and Tenements, and all other Lands, Tenements, and Possessions whatsoever, Goods and Chattels appertaining any way to the Sustentation and Use of all and every, or any of the said Schools or Hospitals, or poor Scholars, as also of my  
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Lands, Goods, or Chattels that shall hereafter be given, purchased, or come to the same, to dispose of the same toward the maintenance of the said Schools and Hospitals, and the Members thereof as aforesaid. I do confirm, ordain, and appoint, that the Reverend Father in God the now Lord Bishop of *London*, and the now Lord Bishop of *Peterborough*, and the now Dean of *Westminster*, the now Dean of *Peterborough*, the now Archdeacon of *Northampton*, the now Master of *Trinity College* in *Cambridge*, and the now Master of *Saint John's College* in *Cambridge*, and their Successors, are and shall be from time to time for ever Governors of the Goods, Possessions, and Revenues of my said Schools, and the said Hospitals, without any new Election or Nomination. And that *Edward Lord Zouch* and *Abraham Johnson*, Esquire, who alone are now living of them that were Governors of the said Goods, Possessions, and Revenues by the Letters Patent, shall so continue during their Lives. I do also ordain that after my decease my right Heir Male from time to time for ever, shall be, and shall be called PATRON of my said Schools and of the said Hospitals, and that such my right Heir Male from time to time, if he be of full Age when his next Ancestor died, and that there be a Governorship void, shall be then actually a Governor of the Goods, Possessions, and Revenues aforesaid, and shall then be nominated, chosen, and confirmed one by the Governors. I do ordain

that these Governors and their Successors shall choose toward the filling up of the number of the Governors that are wanting to the number of twenty-four, *Isaac Johnson*, Esquire, *Samuel Johnson*, Gent. my Grandchildren, *William Billingsley*, Parson of *Glaston*, *William Peachie*, Vicar of *Oakham*, *Richard Johnson*, Parson of *Barrowdon*, *John Wildbore*, Parson of *Tinwell*, *Zachary Jenkinson*, Parson of *Teigh*, *John Gibson*, Parson of *Clipsbam*, *Humphry Stevens*, Parson of *Stoke*, *Thomas Gibson*, Parson of *Ridlington*, *Samuel Gibson*, Vicar of *Burley*, *Richard Swan*, Parson of *Preston*, *Jonathan Tongue*, Curate of *North-Luffenham*, *John Clarke*, my School-Master of *Uppingham*, *Jeremy Whitaker*, my School-Master of *Oakham*, whom I do choose and will that they be confirmed Governors of the Goods and Revenues of my Schools and Hospitals, and their Successors for ever.

When a Place of Governorship which is not successive falleth void, the Governors then being shall choose either a Knight, Esquire, or Gentleman, well known and reputed of by them who dwell in the Diocese of *Peterborough*, or some Minister whom they know to be a learned and pious Man, a Master of Arts at least, and a Parson or Vicar within the Diocese of *Peterborough* in *Rutland*, or of my School-Masters of *Oakham* and *Uppingham*.

Cap. II. *Of the School-Masters.*

**I** Ordain also, that there shall be a School-Master of each of my Free Grammar Schools of *Oakham* and *Uppingham* aforesaid, who shall be at the time of his Election, and so continue an honest and discreet Man, Master of Arts, and diligent in his Place, painful in the educating of Children in good Learning and Religion, such as can make a Greek and Latin Verse. If he shall prove to be negligent in his Place, and of lewd Conversation, the major part of the Governors in the Diocese of *Peterborough* shall admonish him thrice, either *viva voce* or under their Hands set in one Paper; and if he do not reform himself, the major part of the Governors aforesaid shall deprive him of the Place and chuse another in his stead. But otherwise if my School-Masters be painful and careful in their Places, I desire and hope that the Governors will encourage them and mend their Stipends if they can conveniently. And I do ordain that their Stipend shall be to each of them per Annum twenty-four Pounds, to be due unto them quarterly, and so be paid if it can be conveniently, otherwise at the half-year's end. I do also ordain that the School-Master shall ever be the Warden in the Hospital of *Christ* in the Town wherein he liveth and have and use Habitations and Lodgings there, and shall have a special care of the

well ordering of the poor People, and the Houses, and have an eye to their behaviour and disorders, so as he do nothing contrary to the direction of the major part of the Governors, and for his Care and Pains herein he shall have per Annum Six Pounds. The School-Master shall teach all these Grammar Scholars that are born and bred up in the Towns of *Oakham* and *Uppingham* freely without Pay, if their Parents be poor and not able to pay, and keep them constantly to School; for the rest of the said Towns and Meering Towns, and other Towns, he shall take according to the ability of their Parents as they shall agree; and if he seem to be unreasonable in exacting Wages of them, and complaint be made to the Governors, the major part of the Governors resident in the Diocese of *Peterborough* shall moderate him, and he shall not take above their Decree. He may intermit teaching of School December the tenth before Christmas, and must teach School again on Monday after Twelfth-Day. He may give over the Thursdays before Easter-Day and Whitsun-Day, and must teach School again the Monday seven-night following. He shall not give, nor at the motion of any grant any plays on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, unless they be Holyday-Evens, if he do, he shall forfeit, and pay Three Shillings and Fourpence to the poor Mens Box that is in the Hospital. He shall likewise give no plays in the Forenoon unless there be good Reason for it, He shall allow  
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the Usher out of the Money taken of the Scholars five Marks per Annum, if the Moiety extend so far ; if it extend not so far, then the one half, whatsoever it be ; He may take for the Entrance of every Scholar into the School Twelvenpence, whereof the Usher shall have one half, and he the other. For the Election of the School-Master it shall be thus, when the Place is void, the Usher, or if there be no Usher, or the Usher be absent, the senior Hospital-Man shall carry or send notice to the Patron, if he be within twelve miles resident, and four of the Governors at least, and at least two of the Governors shall come to the School, and appoint a Day of Election, whereof all the other Governors resident in the Diocese aforesaid, shall have notice sent by those Governors that appointed it, or by the Usher, to their Houses, in the Diocese aforesaid, ten Days at least before the Day of Election, and those that appoint the Day of Election shall cause it to be written on the outside of the School Door, and so to be renewed by the Usher for three Days together ; when the Day appointed for the Election is come, the said Governors of the Diocese aforesaid shall be present at the School about One of the Clock in the Afternoon, the Statutes concerning the School-Master shall be read. The Parties or Party that stand for the Place shall be opposed in Greek and in Latin by any of the Governors, or any of them whom the major part shall appoint,  
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and after that the major part of them present shall appoint two to take the Voices, and then shall every Governor present write whom he will choose; only it shall be lawful for the Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons, Masters of Colleges, and Patron, to send their Voices and Consent under their Hands and Seals, and they shall be received by the two appointed as aforesaid, and who so shall have the most Voices shall be pronounced School-Master by them that are appointed to take the Voices, and it shall stand good.

### Cap. III. *Of the Usher.*

**I** Do also ordain that there shall be an Usher in each of my said Schools who shall be a godly, learned, and discreet Man, one that can make true Latin both in Prose and Verse. He shall carry himself reverently towards the School-Master, and be ruled by him in his Discipline, and for matter and manner of teaching whom and when. He shall not disgrace the School-Master or animate the Scholars in undutifulness towards him, or seek to withdraw their or their Parents Affections from him, but shall be diligent in his School. For his Election it shall be thus, when the Place is void, within the space of one Month the School-Master shall nominate two qualified as aforesaid to the Governors, whereof the Governors resident in the Diocese aforesaid, or the

the major part of them, shall choose one under their Hands. But if the School-Master within the time limitted doth not nominate, then they shall choose whom they find fitting: And if the Governors find any Usher unworthy or unfit for his Place, the major part of them aforesaid shall displace him and choose another as aforesaid. Or if the School-Master find his Usher insufficient or unfit for his Place, or not to carry himself towards him as aforesaid; then he shall in the presence of two of the Governors at least admonish him thereof at two several times, and if he do not amend, the School-Master shall complain to the major part of the Governors aforesaid, and if the Complaint be just, the Governors aforesaid shall put him out, and another shall be chosen in his Place as aforesaid, his Stipend shall be per Annum twelve Pounds, to be due and paid as the School-Master's as is aforesaid, besides his other Emoluments before set down in the Chapter of the School-Master. I further ordain, that he shall ever be during the time he is Usher one of the Number of my Hospital there, where he is Usher and be called Sub-Warden or Confrater, and there at least twice in the Week he shall read Prayers with the poor People according as he shall be directed by the Governors, or the major part of them, and he shall have for that his Pains per Annum three Pounds.

Cap. IV. *Of the poor People.*

**F**urther, I do ordain and constitute that there shall be belonging to each of these my Hospitals, besides the Wardens and Sub-Wardens before-mentioned, at least fifteen Persons, one of whom shall read Prayers when the Sub-Warden or Confrater doth not, whose Stipend shall be per Annum four Pounds, and thirteen other poor Men, and one Woman to wash their Buck Cloaths, they finding her Things necessary thereunto as it shall be thought fit by the Governors, or the greater part of them, and every one of their Stipends shall be per Annum three Pounds. But if the Governors, or the major part of them, shall think it fit to augment the Number to four and twenty in each Place, or shall be compelled thereunto, then the Stipends of all the aforesaid Poor, excepting the Wardens and Sub-Wardens, shall be but two Pounds per Annum, unless that the Governors find that they may be better allowed, they shall be elected by the Governors resident in the Diocese of *Peterborough*, or the major part of them, under their Hands. But yet I do ordain and constitute, that because my Hospital-Houses are scituated in the Towns of *Oakham* and *Uppingham*, the aforesaid Governors shall choose into the Hospital of *Oakham* eight poor Men out of *Oakham*; and into the Hospital of *Uppingham* six poor Men

Men out of *Uppingham*, such as shall always have twenty, at the least, of the Inhabitants and Householders Hands of the said Towns of *Oakham* and *Uppingham*, that are usually levied and taxed for Contribution to the Poor. The rest of the Hospital at *Oakham* shall be chosen out of these Hundreds, *Oakham Soke*, *Alstoe*, and *East Hundred*. The rest of them belonging to *Uppingham* Hospital shall be chosen out of the Hundreds of *Martinsley* and *Wrangdike*; and any to be chosen shall have testimonial of the sufficientest of the Town whence they come, that they are honest and poor. And because there is a poor Widow in my Hospital at *Uppingham*, called *Osborne*, that hath taken long Pains with Children, and is now grown impotent, I will and appoint that she, during her Life, and her good Behaviour, shall be and continue there, and be accounted one of them chosen out of the Hundreds of *Martinsley* and *Wrangdike*, and have her Allowance as now she hath. And I further ordain and constitute that those poor People that are not chosen out of the Towns of *Oakham* and *Uppingham*, but other where, shall not inhabit in these my Hospital-Houses, unless they become bound with such Surety or Sureties, and in such Sum as three at least of the Governors shall think sufficient to the Church-Wardens of the said Towns of *Oakham* and *Uppingham*, and their Successors respectively, and their Sureties, that they shall not be chargeable to the said Towns to  
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provide them House-Room or Maintenance, else they shall live in those Towns from whence they were chosen, or where they can else, and receive their Stipend from my Hospital as is aforesaid. And I will and ordain that the same Poor live in peace one with another and with others in good Order, be dutiful to their Warden, and be ruled and governed by him, commanding nothing otherwise than by the Appointment and Approbation of the Governors aforesaid, or the major part of them. If they do otherwise, or be found by the said Governors to be unworthy of their Places, they shall be removed by the consent of the Governors, or the major part of them as aforesaid, and others chosen in their Places as aforesaid; and the Woman shall continue no longer in her Place than she is able or willing to do the Service aforesaid.



## Cap. V. Of the Scholars.

**F**urther I do ordain and constitute that there shall be in each of my said Schools from time to time some Scholars that are well fitted for the Universities, of civil Conversation, (if God so bless my Schools) chosen to receive Exhibition of forty Shillings per Annum, till the number of seven at least be filled up in each Place; wherein I advise that the poorer sort be first preferred *cæteris paribus*, and ordain that they have been educated in the said School from whence they are chosen two Years last past before the Election, and their Stipend shall be continued unto them for the space of seven Years, if they so long continue in the Universities. Of the Number whereof shall be for a Scholar for *Oakham Zachary Seaton*, and for *Uppingham Thomas Wheatly*, of *Emanuel College* in *Cambridge*. But if they be absent from the Universities for the space of ten Weeks in the Year, their Places shall be void. They shall be chosen by the Governors resident in the Diocese aforesaid, or the major part of them under their Hands. But if the said Scholars shall misbehave themselves, and shall carry themselves idly or viciously, some of the Governors shall give notice to the Receiver, that when he pays them their Money, he shall give them, or else such as receive the  
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Money for them, notice of their ill Behaviour, which being twice done, if they do not amend, they shall be deprived of their Stipend by the Governors, or the major part of them. And further I constitute, that if it happen there be not in my said Schools such Scholars as aforesaid to fill up the Number as aforesaid, that then the Stipends bestowed shall be employed about the School from whence such Scholars should or might have been chosen, about necessary Books, or other Things, if need require. If there be no necessity, then about the Houses, Gardens, or Fences of the Hospital in the same Town.

Cap. VI. *Of the Receiver.*

**I** Do also ordain and constitute that there shall be an honest substantial Man chosen by the Governors resident in the Diocese of *Peterborough*, or the major part of them, to be a Receiver to take and receive the Rent belonging to my Schools and Hospitals, and to bring in the same unto them. He shall not keep the same, or any Parcel, or Part of the same in his Hands, above the space of seven Days after he hath received it. Those Rents which are, and shall be proper to the School, and Hospital of *Oakham*, or to the School and Hospital of *Uppingham*, shall he bring wholly to those to whom properly they belong. Those that are common between both the Schools and Hospitals in both the said Towns, he shall always bring the one half of that he hath received, to the School and Hospital in *Oakham*, and the other half, to the School and Hospital in *Uppingham*, out of which he shall pay to every one their Stipend, first the School-Master, then the Usher, next the poor Men and Women, and then the Scholars of the Universities, or such as they appoint, to take it for them, what shall remain overplus, he shall put into the Chest of the Treasury, which shall have three several Locks, whereof the Governor whom the rest shall choose, shall keep one Key, the Receiver another, and

the School-Master the third. And when the said Receiver shall be called by the Governors, or any six of them, to make an Accompt how he hath disposed of the said Money paid unto him, he shall make a just Accompt, and he shall put in good Security to the Governors so to do, and perform the Trust reposed in him; and his Stipend for his Pains, shall be per Annum five Pounds. And if the Governors, or any of them, shall find that he doth deceive the Schools and Hospitals, and the Members thereof, in not performing the Trust committed to him, then the Governors at the next Meeting of Accompts, or any other general Meeting where there is four or more of them, shall examine the Matter, and if he be duly found faulty shall put him out of his Place, and another shall be chosen in his Place as aforesaid. And I will and ordain that Mr. *John Butler* of *Oakham* in the County of *Rutland*, shall be the first Receiver of and for these my Schools and Hospitals as aforesaid.



Cap. VII. Of *Letting the Land*

**I** Do further ordain and constitute concerning the letting of the Hereditaments, Tenements, and Revenues, that are or shall be for the Sustentation of these Schools and Hospitals, that they shall be lett by the Governors, or the major part of them, under their Hand Writing, but they shall be sealed with the common Seal at one of the publick Audits, or Accompts holden at *Oakham* or *Uppingham*, but not without the Consent of the major part of the Governors there present. Provided also that they shall not lett any of the said Hereditaments, Tenements, or Revenues, for Term of Lives, or Life, or for any Term of Years above the Term of one and twenty. Neither shall they lett them to any but to the Tenant, till the former Lease be within three Years of Expiration. They shall lett them to the best and safest Advantage of these my Schools and Hospitals, and the Members thereof, according to their Knowledge and Conscience. If any of the said Governors shall be known to take any Bribe beforehand, or to have conditioned for any such Bribe, directly or indirectly, his Voice and Consent shall be utterly void and frustrate, and of no effect concerning that Lease. And if any Man shall give to any of the Governors before hand, or condition, or promise, directly or indirectly,



to give any thing for their Consents or Consent, his Lease shall be void. And there shall be in every Lease a Condition to that purpose. And the Lands shall be lett, and the Money paid to the Receiver to the use of the Schools and Hospitals of *Oakham* and *Up-  
pingham* aforesaid, the one half to the one, and the other half to the other, if the Lands be common to both, otherwise as they are proper to either ; so shall it be expressed in the Lease to the use of the same Place to which they are proper. Now if it shall fall out that the Governors as aforesaid shall have discharged their Receiver for his Unfaithfulness, the said Governors shall give notice to the Tenants to keep the Money in their Hands till the next Accompts, where it shall be paid in, and disposed of, as formerly mentioned in the Chapter of the Receiver, until such time as they shall have appointed another Receiver, to whom they shall pay them as aforesaid.

Cap. VIII. *Of the Treasury.*

**I** Do ordain and constitute that the Governors, or six of them at least, shall set out in each of the said Hospitals some convenient Room for a Treasury, wherein shall be two strong Chests, in the one they shall put the Money that increaseth to the Houses, in the other the Evidences and Deeds which are proper to them; the which Chests and Doors of the Room shall have three several Locks and Keys, the one to be kept by a Governor appointed by the major part of them, the other by the School-Master, a third by the Receiver. There shall also be one other Chest in one of the said Hospitals, wherein shall be put all the Writings that are common to both Places, and it shall have four several Locks and Keys, one to be kept by the Patron Governor, another by one School-Master, another by the other School-Master, and the fourth by some Governor whom the major part of them shall think meet.

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Cap. IX. *Of Accompts.*

**I** Further ordain and constitute that there shall be two Days in the Year for Accompts or Audits, the one at *Oakham* about *Easter*, the other at *Uppingham* about *Michaelmas*. The Day shall be appointed by some eight of the Governors near to the Place; the rest shall have Notice given them at some Place where they reside in the Diocese of *Peterborough*, at the Charges of the Houses, where I would that as many of the Governors as can, should be assembled together, and take Accompt of the Receiver how he hath disposed of the Rents or Moneys paid unto him since the last Accompts, and what the overplus of each House is after every Man's Stipend is paid. Out of which overplus of the said Houses jointly, there shall be allowed to every Governor there present, twelvepence for his Dinner, and three shillings and fourpence to buy him a Pair of Gloves, to them that are there present, and no other. And out of the remainder of the overplus of each House, the Governors, or the major part of them there present, shall set out for the increase of each House's Stock, towards the Repairs, for Law Suits, for the bettering or buying of such things as are needful and convenient, and other necessary Uses, and towards the increase of the Mortmain and purchasing

purcasing more Lands for the same, what they in their discretion shall think fit, but it shall be at least for every half Year six Pounds, to be put into the Treasury for each Hospital, and the residue to be divided between the School-Master, Usher, poor People, and Scholars of the Place aforesaid, proportionable to the Stipends by me set down. Also I would that at these times, if time give leave, and the Governors think it fit, that they should oppose, or cause to be opposed, the Scholars, and see how they profit, that the School-Master and Scholar may have due Encouragement, or otherwise such Censure as is meet. And I will that for their Pains and Care, if it please God any of the Governors have any Sons desirous to attain to Learning, they shall have one of them taught without any Pay in such of my Schools as they shall think fit. Also I ordain that it shall be lawful for me to alter, add to, diminish, or cancel any of these Statutes. Under my Hand and Seal the seventh Day of June, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, &c.*

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